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The Honorable Robert E. Andrews  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Congressman Andrews:

Thank you for your letter of October 21, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, Paul Morlachetta, Jr., Municipal Clerk, Township of Greenwich. Mr. Morlachetta expresses concern regarding the Commission's recent proposal on policies for developing the initial digital television (DTV) channel allotments. The concern is that these proposals would result in interference to existing land mobile stations.

On July 25, 1996, the Commission proposed guidelines for assigning frequencies for DTV and also provided a draft DTV Table of Allotments (See Sixth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 87-268, FCC No. 96-317 (released August 14, 1996)). These proposed allotments included channels currently authorized for sharing between broadcast television and mobile operations on frequencies in the range of UHF channels 14-20, which occupy the 470-512 MHz band, in 13 urban areas.

The Commission proposes to protect these land mobile operations using co-channel and adjacent channel mileage separations. The Commission also sought comments on possibly re-accommodating land mobile operations on channel 20 in Philadelphia. We specifically invited comment and suggestions regarding additional conditions that would be applied in cases where the proposed spacing standards cannot be met and the manner in which such conditions should be applied to achieve an appropriate balance between DTV and land mobile interests.

The comment period for this proceeding ended November 22, 1996. However, reply comments can be submitted through January 10, 1997. The Commission is very much aware of the concerns of the land mobile operators and we will carefully consider their comments in our decision to amend the Table of Allotments for broadcast television.

We will also include a copy of your constituent's letter in MM Docket No. 87-268.

Sincerely,

*Richard M. Smith*

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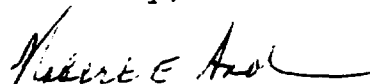
Dear Ms. Solheim:

I write to you on behalf of Mr. Paul Morlachetta, Jr., Municipal Clerk, Township of Greenwich, 420 Washington St., Gibbstown, NJ 08027, who has contacted my office for assistance. Enclosed please find correspondence regarding his concerns on behalf of the Township of Greenwich.

I would appreciate if you would afford Mr. Morlachetta, Jr. all due consideration under the law in his efforts. In addition I would be interested in receiving your review and reply to this correspondence so that I may advise him accordingly.

Please forward your response to the attention of my aide, Ms. Susan Gronek, at 506A White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035, (609) 546-5100, Fax: (609) 546-9529. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
Washington, D. C. 20544

Re: Mass Media Bureau Docket 87-268  
General Docket 96-317

Gentlemen:

The Township Council of the Township of Greenwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey wants to go on record as strenuously objecting to the above mentioned matter.

If adopted, this proposal would effect the emergency day to day operations of our fire and ambulance departments, and ultimately create a life safety hazard to the general public as well.

Additionally, this proposal would place a tremendous financial burden on small municipalities that already are plagued with monetary constraints.

We represent 5000 residents in our township and we are very concerned about their safety and welfare.

We urge you to reject this proposal.

Respectfully,

Greenwich Township Council

Paul Morlachetta, Jr.  
Municipal Clerk, RMC

cc: Senator Bill Bradely  
Senator Frank Lautenberg  
Rep. Robert Andrews ✓  
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